

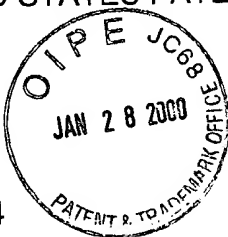
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of  
SWAAK

Serial Number: 08/817,704

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For: USE OF ERYTHROPOIETIN IN THE TREATMENT OF RHEUMATOID  
ARTHRITIS



Group Art Unit: 1644

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Office of Petitions  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 28, 2000

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 30, 1999. Along with the response, a Petition for Extension of Time has been filed to extend the response due date three months from October 30, 1999 to January 30, 2000. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Office Action and entry of the following amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 13, line 30, before "(mmH", delete "ESR" and insert therefor --erythrocyte

sedimentation rate (ESR)--.